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THREE NEW HAMPSHIRE PROJECTS TO RECEIVE SCENIC BYWAY GRANTS
PART OF NATIONAL PROGRAM TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE SCENIC ROADS

The U.S. Department of Transportation has announced that three New Hampshire projects will receive a total of \$546,700 in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) scenic byway grants.

The Intervale Rest Area project will receive \$496,700, and the implementation of the corridor management plans for the White Mountain Trail and the Kancamagus Byway will each receive \$25,000.

National scenic byways funds enable states to undertake eligible projects along highways designated as All-American Roads, National Scenic Byways and state-designated byways. Eligible under the program are planning projects to inventory, preserve and enhance the qualities of byways; safety improvements; construction of bike and pedestrian facilities; development of visitor information such as brochures and interpretive facilities and scenic overlooks; and resource protection such as scenic easements and byway marketing.

A total of 206 projects in 42 states will receive \$24 million in scenic byways grants. A complete listing of the scenic byway grants for fiscal year 2003 can be found on the Internet at http://www.byways.org/grants/approved_2003.html.

“There’s been a misrepresentation that you’re either a good environmental steward or you build transportation projects,” FHWA Administrator Mary E. Peters said. “The scenic byways program demonstrates how we can make needed transportation improvements while preserving and enhancing our scenic vistas and important landscapes.”

Since 1992, the National Scenic Byways Program has provided \$202 million for 1,488 projects in 48 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Additional Information can be found on the national scenic byway program web site, www.byways.org.

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